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PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position
TOPIC: Social Issues
AFFILIATION: Student - College or University
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Dear president and your assistants,

I am writing to you to let you know that I **am** one of many fellow Americans who is concerned with the absence of labels on our food in the marketplace. Much of the available produce today is made with various genes that act as strengtheners that defend the plant from **bugs, diseases**, and chemicals such as "Round Up."

I **am** mostly afraid of the technology, "terminator gene," which ends the life cycle of crops by steralizing them. This gene, as well as others, has the potential to spread to neighboring farms and cross **pollinate**(alter the genes of the crops).

How can there be a law against labeling food as "not

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genetically altered?" I do not like to hear about fish genes in tomatos or bacteria inserted into crops to kill harmful bugs. We do not need any more disruption in the natural cycles of our agriculture. As you may know, pesticides find there way into our water supplies and contribute to infertility of soil.

Will you please tell the congress and senate that you would like to see the Department of Agriculture change their current policy (labeling produce as genetically altered is **illegal**) to the right to label produce as "altered" or "not genetically altered." Just as people like to know if their food is organically grown, we want to see that the food is the way nature designed it.

Thank you for your attention. Keep playing the saxophone.
Sincerely,
Eric Gallagher Age 22